on priority basis, in respect of all the States/Union Territories including the State of Orissa. Further, for up-gradation of roads constructed in forest areas prior to 1980, from 'Kutchcha to Pucca', without widening, prior permission under this Act is not required. Guidelines have already been issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forest on 30th April 2005 in this regard. However, if any such project falls in a National Park/ Sanctuary, prior permission of National Board of wildlife (NBWL) and the Supreme Court, is essential. In so far as other developmental works are concerned, Central Government has already granted general approval under this Act on 3rd January 2005, for infrastructure development projects upto 1.0 hectares, to be implemented by Government Departments, like school, dispensary/hospital, electric lines, drinking water, rain water harvesting structure minor irrigation canal, non-conventional sources of energy, skill upgradation/vocational training centre, power sub-stations etc.

During last three years (01-07-2002 to 01-07-2005), Government of Orissa has submitted a total of 106 development project proposals including 12 for construction of roads (2 under PMGSY). Out of total proposals received, 75 projects including 11 for construction of roads (2 under PMGSY), have been approved by the Central Government on merit and ecological considerations. Only 5 cases of Orissa are under various stages of consideration of the Central Government. None of these case pertain to construction of roads. Remaining 26 cases have either been rejected for valid reasons, or returned to the State Government due to incomplete information. No proposal for construction of roads on forest lands in Orissa including construction under PMGSY, is pending with the Central Government.

Recognising Pharmacy/Nursing Course in Kerala

*90. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government which is conducting the Nurse-cum-Pharmacist course-Homoeo, extending to 10 months has sought any recognition from CGHS and whether such recognition has been granted;

(b) whether the NCP course requires the approval of CGHS and whether the Kerala Government initiated any action to accord recognition thereof;

(c) whether Government earlier restricted the conducting of NCP course by the Kerala Government; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the CGHS insists NCP qualifications for the Homoeo Pharmacist Post?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (d) The Principal and Controlling Officer, Government Homoeopathy Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, forwarded a copy of the prospectus for admission to Nursing-cum-Pharmacist Course in Homoeopathy 2000-2001 for information to the Secretary, Central Council of Homoeopathy (CCH), New Delhi, on 21.8.2000. The CCH vide its letter dated 14.11.2000 sought some clarifications from the college regarding details of teaching staff appointed for NCP course, etc. The Principal and Controlling Officer, Government Homoeopathy Medical College, Thiruvanathapuram, sent a reply dated 24.11.2000 regarding a proposal for creating one post of part-time Nursing Tutor and sanctioning some additional remuneration to the teachers of Government Homoeopathy Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram and Kozikode for taking classes in Nursing-cum-Pharmacist Course.

This matter was considered by the Education and Executive Committees and by the CCH in their respective meetings held in February, 2001 and March, 2001. According to their decision, a reply was sent to the Principal and Controlling Officer, Government Homoeopathy Medical College, Thiruvanathapuram vide Council's letter dated 9.5.2001 that if Government of Kerala wanted to conduct Nursing-cum-Pharmacist Course in Homoeopathy, they might create separate infrastructure and provide independent teaching faculty for the same.

So far there is no statutory body to regulate any course relating to nursing or pharmacy in the Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy. The Central Pharmacy Council for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy Bill, 2005, is being introduced in the current Monsoon Session of Parliament. The legal position as on date is that until a statutory body is created under an Act of Parliament for regulation of Pharmacy or

Para-medical courses under the Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy, State Government of Kerala can take a view on conducting of Nursing-cum-Pharmacist Course. However, if Government of Kerala wishes to conduct NCP courses in an existing Homoeopathic medical college, permission of CCH would be required so that infrastructural requirements for smooth conduct of graduation and post-graduation courses in Homoeopathy medicine are not compromised.

The Nursing-cum-Pharmacist course does not require the approval of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS). The CGHS have **a** post of Pharmacist-cum-Store Keeper-cum-Clerk (Homoeopathy) for which the educational qualification is matriculation or its equivalent with at least two years experience as a Homoeopathy Pharmacist in Government or recognized private Homoeopathic hospital/dispensary or three years experience under a registered Homoeopathic practitioner.

Security of women passengers

†*92. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards male passengers travelling in female bogies and the incidents of molestation with lady passengers as a result thereof;

(b) if so, whether Government have prepared any action plan to deal with such passengers strictly; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir In the year 2005 (upto June), 09 incidents of molestation have been reported. These cases have been registered and legal action is being taken by the Government Railway Police concerned.

(b) and (c) These offences are mostly noticed in the sub-urban sections. To prevent such offences Special Surakshini /Tejaswani Squads have been constituted with women ticket checking staff (where available), women staff of Railway Protection Force / Government Railway Police. The ladies compartments in affected sections are escorted by armed police personnel in the night hours. Other Special Squads against such

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi,